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SUBJECT: JAPANESE PRESS REACTION TO SOVIET SATELLITE REENTRY

1. ALL LEADING JAPANESE-LANGUAGE MORNING NEWSPAPERS
JANUARY 25 CARRIED STORY OF SOVIET NUCLEAR-POWERED SATELLITE
CRASH IN CANADA AS THEIR LEAD ITEM, NOTING NATIONAL
SECURITY ADVISOR BRZEZINSKI'S STATEMENTS THAT SATELLITE
PROCEEDED TO DISINTEGRATE AND BURN UP AFTER ENTERING
ATMOSPHERE; CHANCES WERE VERY SLIGHT THAT ANY CONTAMINATION
RESULTED; AND, US PLANES HAD BEEN DISPATCHED TO AREA TO
SAMPLE ATMOSPHERE AND LOOK FOR ANY POSSIBLE CONTAMINATION.
IN ONLY COMMENTARY THUS FAR, ASAHI GAVE DETAILED
DESCRIPTION OF NUCLEAR-REACTOR SATELLITE AND POINTED OUT
THAT WHILE IT HAD NOT BEEN GENERALLY ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE
BY US OR USSR, "SATELLITES CARRYING THIS KIND OF
NUCLEAR REACTOR ON BOARD ARE IN FLIGHT."

2. ENGLISH-LANGUAGE KYODO WIRE SERVICE REPORTED FROM
TOKYO THAT JAPAN HAD BEEN INFORMED BY US JANUARY 21
OF TROUBLE INVOLVING SOVIET SATELLITE CARRYING
POTENTIALLY DEADLY U-235 OVER CANADA AND THAT DEFENSE
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AGENCY HAD BEEN ALERTED TO TAKE PRECAUTIONARY
MEASURES. KYODO ALSO CARRIED STORIES ON CRASH FROM
MOSCOW, OTTAWA AND WASHINGTON.

3. WE ARE TOLD SOVIET EMBASSY WAS NOT IN TOUCH
WITH JAPANESE FOREIGN OFFICE ON THIS ISSUE PRIOR
TO REENTRY.

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